

CHURCH MATTERS.

Religious Notices.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. H. W. Ballantine, Pastor. Public worship on the Sabbath at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. Sunday-school prayer-meeting, Sabbath, at 7 P. M. Weekly prayer meeting, Thursday, at 7.45 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. Ezra D. Simons, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school, 12 M. The Lord's Supper on the first Sabbath of each month, close of morning service. Temperance meeting on Tuesday evenings. Prayer meeting Thursday evenings. Young People's meeting, Sabbath evening at 6.30 o'clock.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. D. R. Lowrie, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.30 P. M. Prayer meeting, Thursday evenings at 7.45. Class meetings, Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.45.

THE WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Fremont Street, corner Franklin. Rev. S. W. Duffield, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school, 12 M. Weekly prayer meeting at 8 o'clock each Thursday evening, in Chapel parlor.

CHRIST CHURCH (Episcopal).—Liberty Street.—Rev. W. G. Farrington, D. D., Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock. Second service, 4 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.45 P. M.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.—Rev. J. M. Nardello, Pastor. First mass, 8.30 A. M.; High mass, 10.30 A. M.; Vespers, 3 P. M. Sunday-school, 2.30 P. M.

BERKELEY UNION SABBATH SCHOOL.—Held in Berkeley School-house, Bloomfield Avenue, every Sunday at 3 o'clock P. M. John A. Skinner, Superintendent. All are welcome.

WATSESSING M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. J. Cowans, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school, 2.30 P. M. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 7.45. Class meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.45.

ST. PAUL'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Watsessing).—Rev. Daniel I. Edwards, Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock; evening service, 7.30. Sunday-school, 3 P. M.

GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. John M. Enslin, Pastor. Hours of service, 10.30 A. M. Sunday-school, 2 P. M. Prayer meeting, Tuesday evening, 7.45.

REFORMED CHURCH (Brookdale).—Rev. J. M. Nardello, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school, 9 A. M. E. G. Day, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening.

HOPE CHAPEL.—Sunday-school every Sabbath at 3.30 P. M. John G. Broughton, Superintendent.

SILVER LAKE.—Sabbath-School held every Sunday, in the hall, at 3 P. M. Charles A. Hubbs, Superintendent. Gospel meeting every Sabbath evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and Conversational meeting, Friday evening.

BLOOMFIELD S. S. TEACHERS' NORMAL CLASS.—Rev. W. H. Brodhead, Leader. Meets on Wednesday evening of each week, at 8 o'clock, in the Sunday-school rooms of the First Presbyterian Church, Sunday-school teachers, workers, and friends are cordially invited.

CHRIST CHURCH.—The Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Starkey, will preach at the Episcopal Church next Sunday morning, at the half-past ten service. Strangers welcomed.

Meeting of the School Trustees.

Owing to the severe storm, a quorum was not present at the meeting of the School Trustees on Tuesday evening, and no business was transacted. Some plans for the new School building were brought forward and discussed by those present. Mr. Joseph K. Oakes furnished designs for a building, two stories in height, containing six or eight class rooms, as might be thought desirable. The outer material will consist of ordinary hard brick, with brown stone trimmings; entrances are provided at the sides, and the front is adorned with a small circular window and capola. The interior is provided with four class rooms upon each floor, with broad halls and staircases, and wardrobes for each class. The size of the building is 44 feet by 67 feet, and will cost about \$9,000 or \$10,000.

Miss Maria M. Haydock, a graduate of the Troy Female Seminary, has been selected by the Committee on Teachers to fill the vacancy in the Grammar-school. She is already in charge of her class. The report of Mr. J. B. Duhbar, for the last month, is as follows:

The entire enrollment for the month ending Friday, Dec. 21st, was 799, with an average daily attendance of 673, or 84 per cent. The total of half-day absences was 2,508, of these 1,073 were excused by sickness; 1,435 by reasons for which excuses were rendered, and ten were truancies. The excused absences were largely due to stormy weather, as were also a considerable portion of the absences for sickness.

Compared with this month two years ago, the High School has increased 27 per cent.; the grammar department 13 per cent.; the Centre Primary has lost 21 per cent.; Berkeley 6 per cent., and Brookside 4 per cent. The enrollment in the entire school is now ten less, or about one per cent decrease; while absences have been reduced 18 per cent. The withdrawal of the children from the School, because of the crowded condition of the rooms, seems to be felt now only at the Centre Primary. The classes there are all smaller than two years ago.

Examinations were had throughout the School, during the last week of the month. In the main the results reported were good. In language, geography, history and natural science, the examinations were partly or mainly oral. This plan was adopted because, if well conducted, it indicates quite as satisfactorily the pupils' real knowledge, relieves from constant writing and economizes materially the time required.

In consultation with the teachers it has seemed desirable that the time now devoted to phonetics in the Primary should be abridged, and whatever is thus saved be devoted to furthering the study of arithmetic. In this way it is thought that an essential advance may be secured in that study. So many boys leave school from the fourth and third grammar classes without acquiring adequate knowledge of the business principles of arithmetic, that some such modification

of the present system seems eminently worthy of trial.

The usual monthly teachers' meeting was held, all teachers attending. The amount raised in school toward the library was \$43.38. This, with \$29.00 received from the State, makes \$72.38, to be devoted to the purchase of new books.

The B. F. A. and the V. I. A.

The Citizen.—Complaint is made, especially by members of the Fire Association, that Dr. Davis at the recent public meeting of the Improvement Association, claims too much credit in his statement of the work of the Association, when he said, "The commencement and carrying through to completion of the Fire Department was chiefly under the leadership of members of your society." The Doctor was aware of the fact that several of the original Board of Trustees of the B. F. A. were first members of the V. I. A., and it was natural to suppose that they were largely influential in its organization. But I suppose the meaning the Doctor really intends to convey, was as he had previously stated in private conversation, that the organization of the V. I. A. and its work had crystallized public sentiment in favor of needed improvements in such a manner as to make it possible for such enterprises to be carried through successfully. This he thought could not have been done without the preparatory work of the Association.

There seems to be a misapprehension in the minds of some with regard to the persons who are entitled to membership. The Constitution reads, "Citizens of either sex, over eighteen years of age shall be eligible for membership. Another misunderstanding in the minds of some, seems to be that the Association as they think is comprised of a few non-property owners, who get together and vote improvements that will levy taxes for property owners to pay. In reply to this it is only necessary to say that some of the leading property owners of the town are among its members, and that the Association has no authority to make improvements except as individuals, and can do nothing toward making assessments nor levying taxes. They can only give the public an opportunity of expressing their wishes in a manner to be felt and to be of practical benefit, and those fearing that they will be taxed, or that the Association will take undue advantage of their weakness, are cordially invited to attend the public meeting to be held on the first Friday evening in February.

G. T. M.

New Year's Calling.

To the Bloomfield Citizen:—In noticing your article under date of the 5th ult., referring to the many baskets hung on New Year's Day, I am constrained to relate the experience of a couple of gentlemen who were the recipients of calls on that day, and who took occasion to get the views of a good many ladies on the subject. In every instance the two gentlemen were very cordially received; and though in most cases the ladies were not receiving calls, and did not expect any, the reception was none the less cordial and gratifying. It is a good many years since the writer has seen New Year's calls, and a good many since he had the pleasure of meeting so many friends in one day. The time was indeed well spent, and proved very profitable as well as gratifying. There were many regrets by a number of ladies that they had not prepared to receive their friends. As to the general verdict, it was unanimous in favor of receiving on New Year's, and we have no doubt but that the next year will be one of general receiving. This idea may be criticized, and no doubt it will be; but to use the language of one lady, the really offensive part of it is in overdoing the matter, and this cause may very properly be assigned as the chief reason why the good old custom is dying out. If our ladies would open their houses and receive their friends in a moderate manner, and without going to extremes, I have no doubt that the day would be very pleasant and profitable to both sexes. It is not necessary that anything costly or elaborate should be indulged in, as there is really not so much pleasure in the giving as in the receiving. We hope our lady friends will carefully consider our humble suggestions, as we think it will add very materially to our social interest as a community. While our people are endeavoring to improve the town and its material interests, let our social interests not be forgotten, but keep pace with the other, and we shall very soon see the effect in the increased demand for residences by worthy people.

The Waste of Water.

Mr. Thomas J. Bell, assistant superintendent of the Cincinnati (Ohio) Water Works, in the course of a paper written by him upon the "Waste of Water," gives the following table as prepared by the daily per capita consumption of five American cities, and claims, with perfect truth, that the great increase of rate is to be charged directly to waste instead of necessity.

Boston, per capita rate in 1850, 30 gallons; in 1881, 92 gallons.

Brooklyn, per capita rate in 1866, 17 gallons; in 1880, 34 gallons.

Chicago, per capita rate in 1867, 43 gallons; in 1880, 114 gallons.

New York, per capita rate in 1867, 62 gallons; in 1876, 100 gallons.

Philadelphia, per capita rate in 1867, 56 gallons; in 1880, 67 gallons.

Cincinnati, per capita rate in 1845, 21 gallons; in 1881, 87 gallons. *—Scientific American.*

Plantation Philosophy.

De man what ain't got no respect fur public opinion ain't got none fur hissef. As a rule wimmin is more truthful den men. Eve told de truth, but Adam tried ter lie whenever he got chanced. It ain't de smartest man dat kep allers take care ob hissef de best. De sucker ain't got so much sense as de goggle-eyed perch, but he won't give a hook half so quick. I has often heard dat a smart man don't know it. Dis is a mistake. He do know it an' is satisfied wid de faek an' don't try ter show it while de fool dat folks won't think he's smart, tries ter show dat he's. Musie hab caused many a man ter lie, fur, bein' ashamed ter say he doan lub it, he says dat he doan when he doan. Eddycation doan bring no education ob musie, fur de biggest fool I ober seed would set all day widout any dinner if dar was musie in de community. *—African Traveler.*

Why are babies like new flannel? Because they shrink from washing.

The Quickest Cure on Record.

The professionals summering at Mount Clemons, Mich., are at times rather hard pushed for something to do to kill time, and the boys have their heads together the most of the day arranging some scheme to while away the long summer vacation.

Last season Gus Williams and Charley Young were the ringleaders in most of the pranks, and many are the funny stories told of their pranks in which they were ably seconded by the rest of the gang.

While over in the bath-house one morning this learned that a number of old gentlemen from the South were to arrive on the afternoon train to examine the baths, and, if satisfied that the waters were as represented, they would take up quarters for the summer. Having obtained the above information, Williams concluded to have some fun with the expected arrivals, and with his chums arranged a scheme that would be unfolded further on.

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LITERARY NOTES.

We have received from Funk and Wagnalls a small but excellent life of the reformer, Zwingli. It is included in their quarter-dollar series, and is another reason why the four hundredth anniversary of this good man's birth should lead us to look into the story of the Reformation.

The newest and daintiest wee bit of a book that we have seen in a great while is the "Chips from Dickens," published by T. Y. Crowell, at the very low price of forty cents. It is edited and printed on the spot, and is altogether creditable to the literary and typographic taste of the institution. We shall endeavor to find room for some important extracts from its Southern news and correspondence.

The Southern Workman is a pleasant and quite sizable sheet, published at the Hampton Institute. We hope to see it every month. It is edited and printed on the spot, and is altogether creditable to the literary and typographic taste of the institution. We shall endeavor to find room for some important extracts from its Southern news and correspondence.

Hot Water for Inflamed Surfaces. Dr. George R. Shepherd, of Hartford, Conn., says in the *Medical Record*: "I have used hot water as a gargle for the past six or eight years, having been led to do so from seeing its beneficial effects in gynecology. In acute pharyngitis and tonsillitis, if properly used at the commencement of the attack, it constitutes one of our most effective remedies, being frequently promptly curative. If used later in the disease, or in chronic cases, it is always beneficial, though perhaps not so immediately curative. To be of service it should be used in considerable quantity (a halfpint or a pint) at a time, and just as hot as the throat will tolerate. I have seen many cases of acute disease thus absorbed, and can commend the method with great confidence. I believe it may be taken as an established fact, that in the treatment of inflammation generally, and those of the mucous membranes in particular, moist heat is of service, and in most cases hot water is preferable to steam. All are familiar with its use in ophthalmia and conjunctivitis, as also in inflammation of the middle and external ear, and I feel confident that those who employ it for that most annoying of all slight troubles to prescribe for, viz., a cold in the head or acute coryza, will seldom find of using the irritating drugs mentioned in the books, nor of inducing complete anesthesia with chloroform in preference to the hot water douche.

DARWIN says that the monkey can blush. He certainly ought to when he sees the way his descendants are cutting up.

"The poor fellows are dead," said one of the O. G. "wait till the waters take full effect."

In a few minutes a noise was heard from the bathroom that sounded like some one humming a lively song and dance air.

"That's a shame," said the O. G., "to be singing so near the presence of death. Just at this point out rushed Charley Young, saying:

"You don't mean to say," said all the O. G. at once, "not the men you took for the O. G.?"

The same, said Oakes, and just as he said this a crutch came flying out of the bath-room, and he was three more, and then Emerson and Clark themselves in their bathing dresses, who proceeded to dance a double clog, to the astonishment of the O. G., who would scarcely believe their eyes.

"How—how—how many baths have these men had?" said one of the O. G. in a trembling voice.

"This is their first," said Williams.

"First and foremost, for the summer," said the leader of the O. G., "and we want a bath now."

The following version of the "Contributor's Ten Commandments" is taken from a Swedish paper. It would be interesting to collate it with any similar decalogues existing in other countries.

1. If you wish to send a communication to a paper, do it at once. What is new at this moment is no longer so to-morrow.

2. Be concise in your statement, for thereby you save the time and space of the reader. Explanations, not words; facts, but no reflections on them.

3. Be simple, write distinctly, do not talk about to-day or yesterday, but give the name of the day or the date.

4. Begin frequently a new line, which gladdens the compositor. Write short sentences for the benefit of the reader. Be many short and commas, and do not forget to put them in.

5. Do not correct single letters or numbers, but cross the whole word out when a correction is needed.

6. First and foremost, write only on one side of the paper. A hundred lines on one side of the paper can be cut into ten pieces and set up by several compositors in ten minutes, while on each side of the paper only one compositor can arrange it, which will take some hours.

7. A MS. paper which takes some hours in getting into type is in danger of not being printed the first day, and is passed over till another day.

8. What is kept till the next day is no longer new, and may not get in. Each day has its own trouble, yesterday is always in the wrong.

9. Put your name and address on the back of your copy.

Above all, speak the truth, and nothing but the truth. If you about yourself use the third person; say what you have to say without false modesty, but also without conceit.

Admiring rules, perfect, and if they are obeyed how happy must be the life of an editor in Sweden. But decalogues seem to exist in order to be broken, and it is to be feared that even in Sweden the editorial chair is no bed of roses. *—From the Pall Mall Gazette.*

Didn't Eat the Water. A big Yankee from Maine, on paying his bill at a London restaurant, was told that the sum put down didn't include the waiter. "Wal," he roared, "I didn't eat any waiter, did I?" He looked as though he could throw the waiter, and was no further discussion. *—Exchange.*

A SUPPOSITITIOUS conversation in last week's Punch has brought about the following interchange of telegrams: From Oscar Wilde, Exeter, to John M. McKirgan, Whistler, Tite Street—Punch too ridiculous—when you and I are together we never talk about anything except ourselves. From Whistler, Tite Street, to Oscar Wilde, Exeter—"No, no, Oscar, you forget—when you and I are together we never talk about anything except me." *—London World.*

LUNDBORG'S PERFUMES.

The Latest Novelties are
Edenia, Marechal Niel Rose,
Alpine Violet,
AND
Lilly of the Valley.

For sale by dealers generally. Also at the principal depot.
YOUNG, LADD & COFFIN,
Proprietors and Manufacturers,
24 Barclay Street, Corner Church,
NEW YORK.

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